

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1–8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a microcapsule comprising suspending an oil-based water-immiscible core material in an aqueous solution consisting essentially of gum arabic, and then gradually adding the gum arabic solution to an aqueous-solution of an enteric anionic cellulose derivative

wherein the enteric anionic cellulose derivative has been dissolved in an aqueous alkaline solution.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said enteric anionic cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and/or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said oil-based core material is an organic compound with a boiling point of 100°C or greater.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said oil-based core material is selected from the group consisting of fat-soluble vitamins, water-insoluble or sparkingly water soluble drugs, and pheromones.